

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	PRINTER SELECTION SYSTEM AND METHOD		

**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Declaration is submitted to establish prior invention of the subject matter of the present patent application in the United States. The person making this Declaration is the inventor Douglas G. Dunlap.

Accompanying this Declaration are Exhibits A through F to establish conception of the subject matter of the present patent application prior to the earliest effective date of January 10, 2001 of the Amarger et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0035122 coupled with due diligence from just prior to the earliest effective date of the Amarger et al. publication up to the filing date of the present patent application (i.e., constructive reduction to practice).

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Exhibit A (4 pages) includes a copy of HP Invention Disclosure No. 10002842 submitted by inventor Douglas G. Dunlap and received by the HP Legal Department prior to the earliest effective date of January 10, 2001 of the Amarger et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0035122. This invention disclosure describes subject matter of the present patent application.

Exhibit B (1 page) includes a copy of an email from inventor Douglas G. Dunlap to patent attorneys Steven Dicke and Patrick Billig of Dicke, Billig, & Czaja prior to the earliest effective date of January 10, 2001 of the Amarger et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0035122 forwarding additional information for HP Invention Disclosure No. 10002842. This email describes subject matter of the present patent application.

Exhibit C (1 page) includes a copy of a letter from patent attorney Steven Dicke of Dicke, Billig & Czaja to HP Managing Attorney Steven R. Ormiston dated November 30, 2000, just prior to the earliest effective date of January 10, 2001 of the Amarger et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0035122. This Letter was accompanied by a draft of the U.S. Patent Application prepared for HP Invention Disclosure No. 10002842 (i.e., the present patent application) as reviewed and approved for filing by the inventor.

Exhibit D (3 pages) includes a copy of a letter from patent attorney Scott Lund of Dicke, Billig & Czaja and an email from patent attorney Steven Dicke of Dicke, Billig & Czaja to HP Managing Attorney Steven R. Ormiston dated January 18, 2001. Attached to this email was a revised draft of the U.S. Patent Application prepared for HP Invention Disclosure No. 10002842 (i.e., the present patent application).

Exhibit E (1 page) includes a copy of an initial email from patent attorney Steven Dicke of Dicke, Billig & Czaja to HP Managing Attorney Steven R. Ormiston dated April 10, 2001 forwarding a draft of the patent application prepared for HP Invention Disclosure No. 10002842 (i.e., the present patent application) as approved by the inventor, and a reply email from HP Managing Attorney Steven R. Ormiston to patent attorney Steven Dicke of Dicke, Billig & Czaja dated April 16, 2001 approving of the patent application prepared for HP Invention Disclosure No. 10002842 (i.e., the present patent application).

Exhibit F (1 page) includes a copy of a letter from patent attorney Scott Lund of Dicke, Billig & Czaja to inventor Douglas G. Dunlap dated April 18, 2001 forwarding a final draft of the patent application and a Declaration and Power of Attorney document for the

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patent application prepared for HP Invention Disclosure No. 10002842 (i.e., the present patent application). This patent application was subsequently filed on June 4, 2001.

From these exhibits, it can be seen that the subject matter of the present patent application was conceived prior to the earliest effective date of January 10, 2001 of the Amarger et al. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0035122 coupled with due diligence from just prior to the earliest effective date of the Amarger et al. publication up to the filing date of the present patent application (i.e., constructive reduction to practice).

As a person signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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